

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31 are presented below, with claims 19-31 pending. As shown below, claims 19-23, 25-27 and 29-30 have been amended and new claim 31 has been added.

1. – 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus including a CPU, a display unit, a general purpose data input section, and a graphic user interface for displaying windows on said display unit, the apparatus further comprising: ~~a display panel and being capable of selecting an application program among a plurality of application programs, the apparatus comprising:~~

an operation member for activating a first image capture application program from a plurality of application programs when said operation member is operated to be in a first position, wherein at least one of the plurality of application programs is not related to image processing;

an imaging unit for capturing an image of an object in response to operation of said operation member, wherein the image is captured by said imaging unit when said operation member is operated to be in said first position and a window is displayed on said display unit by means of said graphic user interface showing an image related to the captured image, and wherein said window is displayed on said display unit in front of any other window related to another application program for as long as said operation member is in said first position; and

a recording unit for recording the captured image if said operation member is moved from said first position to a second position.

~~—— a detector adapted to detect an operation related to processing of said image captured by said imaging unit; and~~

~~—— a controller for activating an application program corresponding to said operation detected by said detector;~~

~~—— wherein said detector detects a first operation by detecting a first position of an operation member, and detects a second operation by detecting a second position of said operation member;~~

~~—— said controller activates a first application program for capturing said image through said imaging unit in response to said detector detecting said first operation and said controller displays said captured image as long as said detector detects said operation member is in said first position, said image displayed with priority over any other image or application displayed on said display pane; and~~

~~—— said controller activates a second application program related to recording image data related to said image captured by said imaging unit in response to said detector detecting said second operation.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein ~~said controller causes a still image~~ is captured by said imaging unit to be displayed if said first application program relates to capturing still images.

21. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein if said first application program for capturing said image is not active ~~when said detector detects~~ said first operation at the time said operation member is operated to be in said first position, said ~~controller boots~~ said first application program is booted in response to said ~~detector detecting~~ said first that operation.

22. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said recording unit controller begins recording a motion image captured by said imaging unit in response to said operation member being operated to be in said second position a first time ~~said image captured by said imaging unit in response to said detector detecting said second operation a first time~~ and stops said recording in response to said operation member being operated to be in said detecting means detecting said second operation position a second time.

23. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for use with a CPU, a display unit, a general purpose data input section, and a graphic user interface for displaying windows on said display unit, the method comprising: a display panel and being capable of selecting an application program among a plurality of application programs, the method comprising:

activating a first image capture application program from a plurality of application programs by the operation of an operation member to be in a first position, wherein at least one of the plurality of application programs is not related to image processing;

capturing an image of an object in response to operation of said operation member, wherein the image is captured by an imaging unit when said operation member is operated to be in said first position and a window is displayed on said display unit by means of said graphic

user interface showing an image related to the captured image, and wherein said window is displayed on said display unit in front of any other window related to another application program for as long as said operation member is in said first position; and

recording the captured image if said operation member is moved from said first position to a second position.

~~detecting an operation related to processing of said image captured by said imaging unit;~~
~~and~~

~~—— activating an application program corresponding to said detected operation;~~

~~—— wherein a first operation is detected by detecting a first position of an operation member, and a second operation is detected by detecting a second position of said operation member;~~

~~—— a first application program for capturing said image is activated in response to detecting said first operation and said captured image is displayed as long as said operation member is detected to be in said first position, said image displayed with priority over any other image or application displayed on said display pane; and~~

~~—— a second application program related to recording image data related to said captured image is activated in response to detecting said second operation.~~

24. (Previously Presented) The information processing method according to claim 23, wherein a still image is captured to be displayed if said first application program relates to capturing still images.

25. (Currently Amended) The information processing method according to claim 23, wherein if said first application program for capturing said image is not active ~~when said~~ at the time ~~first~~

~~operation~~ said operation member is operated to be in said first position ~~is detected~~, said first application program is booted in response to ~~detecting said first~~ that operation.

26. (Currently Amended) The information processing method according to claim 23, wherein ~~said captured image~~ a motion image captured by said imaging unit begins to be recorded in response to said operation member being operated to be in said second position a first time ~~detecting said second operation a first time~~ and stops being recorded in response to said operation member being operated to be in ~~detecting said second operation~~ position a second time.

27. (Currently Amended) A storage medium for storing a program in a manner readable by an information processing apparatus for use with a CPU, a display unit, a general purpose data input section, and a graphic user interface for displaying windows on said display unit, ~~a display panel and being capable of selecting an application program among a plurality of application programs,~~ the program allowing said information processing apparatus to execute an information processing method comprising:

activating a first image capture application program from a plurality of application programs by the operation of an operation member to be in a first position, wherein at least one of the plurality of application programs is not related to image processing;

capturing an image of an object in response to operation of said operation member, wherein the image is captured by an imaging unit when said operation member is operated to be in said first position and a window is displayed on said display unit by means of said graphic user interface showing an image related to the captured image, and wherein said window is

displayed on said display unit in front of any other window related to another application

program for as long as said operation member is in said first position; and

recording the captured image if said operation member is moved from said first position
to a second position.

~~—detecting an operation related to processing of said image captured by said imaging unit;~~
~~and~~

~~—activating an application program corresponding to said detected operation;~~

~~—wherein a first operation is detected by detecting a first position of an operation member;~~
~~and a second operation is detected by detecting a second position of said operation member;~~

~~—a first application program for capturing said image is activated in response to detecting~~
~~said first operation and said captured image is displayed as long as said operation member is~~
~~detected to be in said first position, said image displayed with priority over any other image or~~
~~application displayed on said display pane; and~~

~~—a second application program related to recording image data related to said captured~~
~~image is activated in response to detecting said second operation.~~

28. (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to claim 27, wherein a still image is captured to be displayed if said first application program relates to capturing still images.

29. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 27, wherein if said first application program for capturing said image is not active ~~when said first operation is detected~~at the time said operation member is operated to be in said first position, said first application program is booted in response to ~~detecting said first~~ that operation.

30. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 27, wherein ~~said captured image~~ a motion image captured by said imaging unit begins to be recorded in response to said operation member being operated to be in said second position ~~detecting said second operation a~~ first time and stops being recorded in response to said operation member being operated to be in said second position ~~detecting said second operation~~ a second time.

31. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the window showing the image related to the captured image only partially covers at least one other window displayed in the display unit related to another application program.